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Decision of the Liaison Conference
The Outline of the Plan for Negotiations with
Germany, Italy and the Soviet Union.

1. To have the Soviet Union accept Foreign Minister Ribbentrop's plan. In line with this policy, to get the Soviet Union to co-operate with the policy of Japan, Germany and Italy as to the overthrow of England. At the same time, to ensure the adjustment of diplomatic relations between Japan and the Soviet Union.
2. The following will be the general terms of adjustment of the diplomatic relations between Japan and the Soviet Union.
 - (1) To have the Soviet Union sell North-Sakhalin through German mediation. If the Soviet disagreed to this, the following plan should be adopted.
 - a. To let the Soviet Union afford facilities in regard to the drilling of one and half million tons of oil for five years. After completing the above drilling, to let the Soviet Union transfer for a consideration the oil and coal-field rights and trial drilling rights.
 - b. To have the Soviet Union guarantee the Japanese purchase of one and half million tons in total of oil for the next five years after the above transfer.
 - c. To conclude a new agreement which would include all the above-mentioned clauses, and at the same time, abolish the old rights agreement.

(2) The Japanese Empire will acknowledge the Soviet Union's position in Sinkiang and Outer Mongolia, while the Soviet Union will acknowledge the Japanese position in North China and Inner Mongolia. In regard to the relations between Sinkiang, Outer Mongolia and the Soviet Union, to let the Soviet Union and China negotiate together.

(3) To have the Soviet Union abandon her aid to CHIANG,

(4) To establish immediately committees for demarcating the border and for settling border disputes between Manchuria and the Soviet Union and Outer Mongolia.

(5) To lead fishing negotiations to a successful conclusion in accordance with the Tatekawa plan (the committee's plan).

(6) In the interests of the trade between Japan and Germany, to have the Soviet Union guarantee the operation of cars necessary for the transportation of proper quantity of goods and to have her promise the discount of freight rates.

3. The Japanese Empire will maintain her position as the political leader in the areas within the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere and will be responsible for the maintenance of order in these areas. The people living in these areas, in principle, shall maintain independence or shall be made independent. However, of the people now in the districts which are the possessions of Britain, France, Holland, Portugal, and others, those who are not capable of being independent shall be permitted to have self-government as much as possible in accordance with their

ability, and the Japanese Empire will bear the responsibility for guiding their government. Economically, the Empire will reserve her preferential position in regard to the defense resources produced in these districts. However, with regard to other general commercial enterprises, the Empire will adopt the principle of open door and equal opportunity mutually with other economic blocs.

4. The world will be divided into four greater blocs - the Greater East Asia Bloc, the European Bloc (including Africa), the American Bloc and the Soviet Bloc (including India and Iran). (Australia and New Zealand will be left with Britain, which will be treated on an equal footing with Holland). The Empire will maintain the realization of this policy at the peace conference after the war.

5. Japan should obtain the understanding of the German authorities concerning Japanese action and policy to aim at making American participation in the war impossible to the best of Japan's ability.

(Note) The Empire will not make any such promise as may restrict the Empire's autonomy regard the project, action and exercise of military power in connection with the Empire's entry into the European War.

6. To conclude a "no separate peace" treaty between our allies Germany and Italy, in case Japan should participate in the European war.

7. Germany and Italy, especially Germany, will check the Soviet Union. If the Soviet Union attacks both Japan and Manchukuo, Germany and Italy will attack the Soviet Union.

8. Germany will assist Japan to the best of her ability in the repletion of Japanese armaments, while Japan will endeavour to supply Germany with raw material and food.

Moreover, Germany will promptly and abundantly supply Japan with inventions, techniques and technicians that may be necessary for the development of the areas within the Greater East Asia Co-prosperity Sphere and for the expansion of Japanese peace-industry.

9. To have a further talk with Germany in regard to the hastening of general peace with China.

10. Foreign Minister Matsueka will visit Europe and negotiate with each government of Germany, Italy and the Soviet Union, and will make efforts for the accomplishment of the items outlined above, and if necessary he will conclude a Pact.

The Contents of Foreign Minister Ribbentrop's
Proposal to the Soviet Union, for the Agreement between
Japan-Germany-Italy and the Soviet Union, which would
regulate the relations between the Tripartite Pact and
the Soviet Union.

1. The Soviet Union will express her intention of agreeing to the object of the Tripartite Pact in the sense of prevention of war and quick restoration of peace.
2. The Soviet Union will acknowledge each leading position of Germany, Italy and Japan regarding the new order in Europe and Asia, while the three powers promise the Soviet Union to respect Soviet territory.
3. The three powers and the Soviet Union will promise each other not to help any state which would be hostile to other parties of this group, nor to participate in any group of such hostile states.

In addition, these powers will make a secret understanding which recognizes as the future spheres of influence the following areas: the South Seas for Japan, Iran and India for the Soviet Union, Central Africa for Germany, and North Africa for Italy.

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